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## WRITTEN PROPOSITIONS.

The Purposes of the United States Government Made Known to the Filipinos.

### THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT PROPOSED.

President Gozaaga of the Filipino Commission Admitted that the Proposal was Liberal, and that Nothing Could be Worse than the Late Spanish Rule.

Manila, May 22, 3:15 p. m.—Prof. Schurman, head of the United States Philippine commission, has submitted the following written propositions to the Filipinos:

"While the final decision as to the form of government is in the hands of the congress, the president, under his military powers, pending the action of congress, stands ready to offer the following form of government:

#### Form of Government Outlined.

A governor general, to be appointed by the president; a cabinet, to be appointed by the governor general; all the judges to be appointed by the president; the heads of departments and judges to be either Americans or Filipinos, or both; and also a general advisory council, its members to be chosen by the people by a form of suffrage to be hereafter carefully determined upon.

#### Desire that Bloodshed Cease.

"The president earnestly desires that bloodshed cease, and that the people of the Philippines, at an early date, enjoy the largest measure of self-government compatible with peace and order."

The United States commission prepared the scheme, and the president called his approval of the form of the document.

The Filipinos have made no definite proposition except for a cessation of hostilities until they can present the question of peace to the people.

#### A Fallacy Shown Up.

Prof. Schurman told the Filipinos they had no means of gathering the people together, as the Americans control most of the ports. He also reminded them that a liberal form of government was offered them, and pointed out that it was better than the conditions existing under Spanish rule.

Gozaaga, president of the Filipino commission, replied that nothing could be worse than Spanish rule, and admitted that the form of government proposed was liberal.

#### Aguinondo's Demand Preposterous.

The civilian members of the Filipino commission have declined to co-operate with the other members of that commission, as the former consider Aguinondo's latest demand to be preposterous. After Maj.-Gen. Otis' refusal of an armistice, referring to his wish for time in order to consult the Filipino congress.

#### Will Lunch the Commissioners.

After a conference to-morrow with the United States commissioners, the Filipino commissioners will lunch with Prof. Schurman, and will afterwards visit the vessels composing the American fleet.

#### OPERATIONS CONTINUE.

#### No Abatement on Account of Peace Negotiations—Filipinos Surprised.

Manila, May 22, 2:18 p. m.—In spite of the presence of the Filipino commissioners in Manila, the military operations continue with unabated vigor.

The visitors were apparently ignorant of the true condition of affairs here. Upon their arrival they were immediately inundated with invitations covering both day and night, and express surprise at the condition of affairs within our lines. They had been led to believe that everything was chaotic, and are delighted at the reception accorded them.

#### Reports from the Interior.

Reports received from persons who have arrived from the interior show that no troops are left in the northern provinces. They were all drafted south after the outbreak of the war. The villages on the west coast are almost deserted, and the Ilocos especially are desirous of joining the Americans, if only for the purpose of crushing the Tagals. Many natives of Benguet and Ilocos say that if the Americans had not arrived, civil war would necessarily have ensued, owing to the friction between the Tagals and the inhabitants of other provinces.

#### Filipino Army Disbanding.

It is added that the only Filipino troops now left are 7,000 men under Gen. Luna, at Tarlac, and about 4,000 under Gen. Pio del Pilar. Even these are about demoralized, and short of arms and supplies. Many of their rifles are disabled, and the Filipinos are unable to repair them, owing to the lack of mechanics and materials for so doing.

#### The Zamboanga Garrison.

A coasting steamer which has arrived here reports that the Spanish garrison at Zamboanga, island of Mindanao, is held by the rebels in much the same manner the Americans held them while they were in the vicinity of Manila. Every night the Spaniards are subjected to an ineffectual fusillade, and if they are not soon relieved they will be reduced to the condition of the Spanish garrison at Iloilo just previous to the evacuation of that place.

#### Dispatch from Gen. Otis.

Washington, May 22.—The war department has received the following cablegram from Gen. Otis:

"Manila, May 22.—Adjutant General, Washington: Conditions as follows:

In Bulacan province, troops are maintained at Quirga, Bulnang and San Miguel. Lawton is proceeding down the Rio Grande river from San Isidro; has driven the enemy westward from San Antonio, Cariso and Arayat, where he was joined, yesterday, by Kobbe's column; will reach Santa Ana and Candaba to-day.

"MacArthur is still at San Fernando, and will occupy cities south and westward; insurgent forces disintegrating daily. Luna's force, at Taltac, is much diminished; has destroyed several miles of railway in his front. A number of officers have entered Manila for protection. In Pampanga and Bulacan the inhabitants are returning to their homes, and only fear the insurgent troops. South of Manila the insurgent disintegration is progressing, though a large force is still maintained; conditions improved daily. Will send a battalion of troops and the gumbato to Negros to-morrow to ally excitement in the southern portion of the island and west coast of Cebu. Have denied request of Aguinondo's commissioners for an armistice.

#### "OTIS."

Coverack, Cornwall, May 22.—The situation of the American liner Paris, Capt. Watkins, which went aground early Sunday morning just off Lowlands Point, two miles east of this place, while on a voyage from Southampton, via Cherbourg, remains unchanged. The weather is fine and clear, the sea smooth and a light off-shore breeze is blowing and everything is favorable for salving operations.

#### The Cargo Being Taken Out of HER.

Fortunately the sea is calm, or there would be little chance of working her off—Arrangements have been made to forward the passengers.

#### Arrival of the Warren.

Washington, May 22.—The war department has received the following cablegram from Gen. Otis:

"Manila, May 21.—Adjutant General, Washington: Transport Warren arrived 18th inst. No casualties.

#### "OTIS."

The Warren sailed from San Francisco April 20, with headquarters, and batteries B, D, E, F, G, H, L and M, Sixth artillery, and detachment of recruits; total, 25 officers and 1,205 enlisted men, under command of Gen. E. B. Williston.

#### Confirmed at Washington.

Washington, May 22.—The report from Manila that a form of government has been proposed to the Filipinos, including a governor general, cabinet and advisory council, is confirmed at the state department, where, it is said, this is the general line of action on which the authorities here and at Manila are proceeding.

#### A CASE OF KIDNAPING.

An Eighteen-Months-Old Child of Arthur Clark Spotted Away in New York City.

New York, May 22.—What appeared to be a bold case of the kidnaping of a child was reported to the police, and a score of detectives were at once sent out in an endeavor to arrest the offenders. The missing child is Marion, the 18-months-old daughter of Arthur Clark, an employe of a publishing firm.

She was taken, the police say, by a nurse named Carrie Jones, who was hired last week by the Clarks through an advertisement. The whole thing seems to have been a cleverly-laid plot. The child was taken out Sunday afternoon by the nurse, and the empty baby carriage was found by the police in Central park. Soon afterward Mrs. Clark received this letter:

"Mrs. Clark: Do not look for your nurse and baby. They are safe in our possession, where they will remain for the present. If the matter is kept out of the hands of the police and newspapers, you will get your baby back safe and sound. If, instead, you make a big time about it and publish it all over, we will see to it that you never see her alive again. We are driven to this by the fact that we can not get work, and one of us has a child dying, through want of proper treatment and nourishment. Your baby is safe and in good hands. The nurse girl is still with her. If everything is quiet, you will hear from us Monday or Tuesday."

[Signed.] "THREE."

There is evidence to show that the nurse girl wrote this letter. Mrs. Clark is in a serious condition, and the suspense may cause her death.

#### DESPONDENCY AND SUICIDE.

W. T. Ball and Wife Found Dead in Bed, at Boston, from Asphyxiation by Gas.

Boston, May 22.—W. T. Ball, a well-known newspaper man, and his wife, were found dead in bed in a room filled with the fumes of illuminating gas. Letters written by Mr. Ball, which were lying open on a table, disclosed the fact that it was a case of suicidal despondency. The account of ill-health was given as the reason for the act. He was 66 years of age, and his wife was 73. Mr. Ball, who was an Englishman, came to Boston about 35 years ago. For many years he was the dramatic critic of the Traveller, and of the Boston Herald and other papers. He was a noted Shakespearean commentator, and was a man of recognized culture and learning. He had done little newspaper work in the past ten years.

#### Reception to Admiral Schley.

Omaha, Neb., May 22.—Admiral Schley was tendered a reception by the Commercial club from 11 a. m. to noon, at which was present practically all of the men who represent the great commercial and industrial interests of the city. The reception was an informal character. There was a jam at the rooms during the hour.

#### For Relief of Needy Volunteers.

Chicago, May 22.—A fund of \$100,000, drawn from a dividend on 406,038 shares of World's fair stock, is being set aside for needy and suffering members of the various Illinois volunteer regiments of Cook county who served in Cuba.

#### Powder Mills Explosion.

Aetna, Indiana, May 22.—An explosion late Sunday night wrecked one of the storerooms of the Aetna powder mills. No one was injured, and the damage was small, as none of the other buildings was touched.

## STRANDED LINER PARIS.

The Big Steamer Resting Easy on the Rocks Where She Went Aground Sunday.

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Coverack, Cornwall, May 22.—The cargo of the American line steamer Paris, which ran on the rocks off Lowlands Point, not far from here, at one o'clock Sunday morning, while on her way from Southampton, by way of Cherbourg, to New York, is being rapidly discharged from the two forward hatches.

It is high water in this vicinity at three p. m., but it has not yet been seen whether an attempt will be made to float the steamer.

#### Were Not Ready to Proceed.

Falmouth, May 22.—The North German Lloyd steamer Bremen, which left Southampton on Saturday, arrived here Monday morning, under instructions to embark for New York the saloon passengers of the Paris, which is ashore near Coverack. But the passengers are not ready to proceed on their voyage, many of them still suffering from shock, so the Bremen continued on her passage westward. Quite a fleet of excursion steamers are taking holiday makers from this port and Plymouth to see the wreck.

Many passengers of the Paris took the train for Southampton, where they will await the sailing of the North German Lloyd steamer Kaiser Wilhelm der Grosse, which is scheduled to sail from Bremen to New York on May 23, touching at Southampton on the following day.

#### Passengers Will Sail Saturday.

New York, May 22.—James A. Wright, Jr., the second vice-president of the International Navigation Co., said that the Paris passengers would sail from Southampton for New York on Saturday. The accident, he continued, had not yet been explained, and the cause would not be made known until after the official survey by the officers of the line on the scene. He said, however, that the line had the utmost confidence in Capt. Watkins, and that he was one of the best navigators they had. Before Capt. Watkins became a naturalized American he was a member of the British naval reserve.

#### Sanguine of Saving the Ship.

Mr. Wright still believed that if the weather continued mild and the sea smooth the Paris could be floated. Many inquiries were made at the office of the American line here concerning the passengers. Much relief was expressed when it was found that they were all safe.

#### No Attempt Yet to Float Her.

Coverack, Cornwall, May 22, 4 p. m.—No attempt will be made to float the Paris at this tide.

The weather remains beautifully fine, the wind is off the shore and the sea is smooth.

Salvage tugs from Liverpool are en route to the scene of the wreck, and it is believed an attempt to float the Paris will be made on Wednesday. Everything at present seems favorable to success.

#### HARLEM RACE TRACK RUINED.

Fire Destroyed Nearly All the Buildings of the Harlem Race Course at Chicago.

Chicago, May 22.—The Harlem race track was almost completely destroyed by fire. Flames broke out in the grandstand shortly before three a. m., and they soon spread to the stables where between 30 and 40 horses were quartered in readiness for the Decoration day meet, which was to have marked the formal opening of track for season. The Cicero fire department had to cope with the flames. Incendiaries are given as the origin of the fire, and this theory is emphasized by the recent destruction of the Roby track, under mysterious circumstances. The loss is \$100,000; no insurance. All of the horses at the Harlem track were rescued. The track is owned by a party of Chicagoans, of which Richard Fitzgerald is the head. The buildings on the track were valued at \$60,000.

#### Struck for Living Wages.

Toronto, Ont., May 22.—The section men on the Grand Trunk railway system recently asked for an increase in wages, which was refused, and the men, about 800 in number, have gone on strike. The men claim that under present conditions they could not make more than \$5 to \$8 cents a day, and asked that the minimum be \$1.25.

#### Situation at Buffalo Improving.

Buffalo, N. Y., May 22.—The situation indicates an early ending of the dock troubles. All of the elevators on the creek at which boats were moored or had work to do are at work with full complement of monthly men, machinists, etc., in charge of machinery.

## OTHERWISE UNNOTICED.

There are ten contests in the Fifty-sixth congress.

Two persons were killed by lightning near Eldorado, Ill.

Two fires of incendiary origin destroyed property valued at \$3,000 in Texarkana, Ark.

A disastrous fire visited Dawson City, in the Klondike. The losses will aggregate \$1,000,000.

Charles Halt, of Stamps, Ark., was shot and fatally wounded by a negro, to whom he refused to give 25 cents.

Andrew Woods, a negro barber, at Joplin, Mo., was killed by DeWitt Leonard. Three white men were also shot.

The G. A. R. and United Confederate veterans joined in decorating the graves of soldiers at Hot Springs, Ark., Sunday.

The jury in the Dr. Gray murder case at Bloomfield, Ind., found Gray guilty, and fixed his punishment at life-imprisonment.

The Standard and National oil companies are waging a war against each other in Oklahoma, and prices have been cut in two.

The cruiser Reina Mercedes, the only Spanish vessel of importance captured in Cuban waters, is anchored off Old Point Comfort, Va.

Mrs. Rachel Austin and her son were murdered at Middleburg, O. Another son is suspected, but he alleges that robbers did the deed.

Gen. Arolas, former Spanish military governor of Havana, while at the theater in Valencia, Saturday evening, suffered an apoplectic stroke.

The remarkable strike of free gold made nine miles southwest of Custer, S. D., by two ranchers, is turning out even better than first reported.

Archbishop Ireland and Bellamy Storer, United States minister to Spain, dined with King Leopold of Belgium and members of the royal family Sunday.

Mary Parks Griffin died at Louisville, Ill., Saturday night, aged 70 years. Fifty years ago she was one of the pioneer school teachers of that part of the state.

The report of the death of Eugenie, former empress of France, is entirely without foundation. She is well, and received her niece on her yacht, off Naples, Sunday.

The president and Secretary Hitchcock attended the seventieth anniversary of the celebration of the organization of Wesley Methodist chapel, at Washington, Sunday.

Reports from various points in Nebraska say that fruit buds have sustained great damage the past week or ten days from hail, wind and light frosts.

Reports from several peach-growing counties of Texas are unanimous in saying that the crop is an utter failure, and that the shipments will not be one-third those of an ordinary year.

The Missouri legislature finally passed the Nesbitt St. Louis election law, designed to remove all safeguards from the ballot and wrest the control of the city government from the republicans.

Ambrose Dudley Hamrick, one of the early pioneers of Putnam county, Ind., and for many years a member of the state legislature and of the state board of agriculture, died Saturday night, aged 92 years.

The residents of Clermont county are working up a campaign to have the site of land at Point Pleasant, O., the birthplace of Gen. Grant, and convert it into a national park in honor of the famous soldier.

#### DECIDED AGAINST THE BELL.

A Concession to Telephone Companies Can Not Be Made to Include Telephone Companies.

Washington, May 22.—In the United States supreme court an important decision was rendered in the case of the City of Richmond (Va.) vs. the Southern Bell Telephone and Telegraph Co. The controversy involved the right of the telephone company to locate its poles and wires in the streets and alleys of the city regardless of the protest of the local municipal authorities, the claim of the telephone company being made under the act of congress of 1866, granting such rights to telephone companies. The decision was favorable to the contention of the city and adverse to the telephone company, the court holding that the concession to telephone companies could not be made to include telephone companies. The decision was handed down by Justice Harlan.

#### NO OFFICIAL INFORMATION.

The Navy Department Uninformed of Any Trouble with a Nicaraguan Gunboat.

Washington, May 22.—The navy department has had no report from the captain of the Detroit, of any difficulty with the Nicaraguan officials or of any collision with the Nicaraguan gunboat San Jacinto. The Detroit arrived at Bluefields, May 11, and since that date no report has come from her. She was to take aboard there the body of the late Gen. MacAuley for transportation to the United States.

#### THE MEADE PUT BACK AGAIN.

Another Leak was Discovered in the Transport Bearing the Nineteenth Infantry.

Washington, May 22.—Quartermaster General Ludington received the following cablegram from Quartermaster Swobe, at Ponce, regarding the return of the transport Meade, which has the Nineteenth infantry aboard:

"Ponce, May 22.—After leaving Ponce another leak developed. Not large, but too serious to proceed. Returned here to repair. Will take four or five days."

## THE DAWSON CITY FIRE.

Three-Fourths of the City Said to Have Been Laid in Ashes—A Fireman Hurt.

### THE LOSS WAS OVER A MILLION DOLLARS.

The Heavy Loss is Explained by the Large Amount of Bullion and Paper Money Carried by the Bank of British North America—Where the Fire Started.

Victoria, B. C., May 22.—A disastrous fire visited Dawson City April 21, and three-fourths of the town lies in ashes, while hundreds of miners and shopkeepers, gamblers and saloon men are living in tents, sleeping on the snow in blankets, or moving up the creeks to the settlements near the mines. The losses are estimated at over \$1,000,000.

#### No Further Details.

Victoria, B. C., May 22.—No further details of the Dawson fire have been received. The only accident known to have occurred befell a fireman, who was severely hurt about the head by a blazing log which was blown from a burning building. It is stated that the woman who upset the lamp which caused the catastrophe, and other inmates and occupants of the house have been arrested, and may be severely dealt with. A report is also current here that only the bank of British North American, of the chartered financial institutions, was destroyed, not both it and the Bank of Commerce.

The Men Who Brought the News. Riley, Toklas and Hume, the men who brought out the news of the fire, are reported to have collected hundreds, and even thousands, of dollars as private mail carriers for the prompt delivery of the communications of which they were bearers. One of these was addressed to the inspector of the Bank of British North America, and considerably reduced the amount of the bank's loss by the fire. It is understood that the record of the bank notes consumed was destroyed with them, but it is nevertheless quite positive that this will not mean loss money.

Heavy Losses Accounted For. San Francisco, May 22.—Referring to the high estimates placed on the loss by the Dawson fire, L. R. Fulda, manager of the Alaska Exploration Co., who recently returned from that city, says:

"The banks and business houses have much gold dust and currency on hand. It represents their accumulation for the winter, which they would ship down as soon as the roads open with spring. Paper money circulates very extensively in that country, as it is the handiest. None of the stores, hotels or saloons are provided with safes or strong boxes, and that fact alone must account for a tremendous loss of ready cash. There is hardly any doubt that the Bank of British North America had a great amount of gold dust on hand, and the bank may have been caught with a large amount of paper money as well."

Buildings Probably Saved. "The Canadian Bank of Commerce is far to the south from the burned district, right among the government buildings, and has most likely escaped the fire. The warehouses of the Alaska Commercial Co. are about five blocks to the east from where the fire raged, and have certainly escaped. The locality in which the fire originated, back of the opera house, is closely built up with cabins of logs, nearly all of which are occupied by gamblers and women of ill-repute."

#### COSTLY FIRE IN BROOKLYN.

An Entire Block Destroyed, Causing a Loss of Three Hundred Thousand Dollars.

New York, May 22.—Fire of unknown origin started in a building in Fremont street, Brooklyn, used by Vells Bros. as a planing mill, and spread rapidly until nearly an entire block was destroyed. The total loss is estimated at \$350,000. The flames extended to Eagle and Kent streets, destroying a number of dwellings.

The property destroyed included four factories, a planing mill, a blacksmith shop and 14 dwellings.

The Oldest Old Maid Dead. Huntington, Ind., May 22.—Aunt Peggy Bailey, the oldest old maid in the United States, died at her home, near this city, Saturday. She was born in Kentucky, and was 113 years old last March. She never was sick but once, and that was about eighty years ago.

To Leave for Manila. San Francisco, May 22.—The United States transport Sherman is under orders to sail forthwith for Manila with the Sixth infantry and a number of soldiers assigned to various regiments. Gen. Fred Grant will go on the Sherman, in command of the expedition.

#### Fire at Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, May 22.—Fire of unknown origin destroyed the Oxford hotel building, including Oxford hall, once famous for political meetings held there, and the Oxford stables. The loss is estimated at \$